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For: GENE CODING FOR ACETOLACTATE  
SYNTHASE

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**AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

In reply to the Restriction Requirement dated November 28, 2006, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

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